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SUBJECT: SELENIA PRE-LICENSE CHECK

EXCON FOR COMMERCE

REF: STATE 149829

1. SELENIA OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN EDO COPY OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SELENIA AND EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION (ESRO), 114 AVENUE CHARLES DE GAULLE, 92522 NEVILLY-SUR-SEINE, FRANCE, UNDER WHICH SELENA WILL MANUFACTURE TWO SPOT BEAM CARBON FIBRE REINFORCED PLASTIC REFLECTORS FOR DELIVERY TO THE EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (ESTEC), SITE SERVICES DIVISION, STORES SECTION, TRANSPORT AND CUSTOMS OFFICE, DOMEINWEG, NOORDWIJK, NETHERLANDS.

2. ACCORDING TO SELENIA OFFICIALS THE REFLECTORS WILL BE FOR SPACE SATELLITE ANTENNAE. WOVEN GRAPHITE ORDERED FROM FERRO/REPUBLIC TO BE IMPREGNATED WITH EPOXY AND USED AS STRUCTURAL BASE FOR REFLECTORS AS GRAPHITE RESISTANT TO STRUCTURAL DISTORTION FROM EXTREME TEMPERATURE CHANGE.

3. SELENIA OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT THE TWO REFLECTORS WILL NOT BE PLACED ON LIVE SATELLITE AS THEY TO

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BE STRICTLY EXPERIMENTAL MODELS FOR TESTING PURPOSES.

IF RESULTS OF TESTS, WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY ESTEC
IN HOLLAND, CONFORM TO SATELLITE ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS
SELENIA EXPECTS ADDITIONAL ORDERS FOR ACTUAL FLIGHT
USE. SELENIA OFFICIALS CANNOT JUDGE ESTEC'S FINAL DISPOSITION
OF THESE FIRST TWO EXPERIMENTAL PROTOTYPE REFLECTORS AFTER
TESTS CONCLUDED.

4. PLEASE NOTE THAT FOREGOING NOT RPT NOT FOR ITALIAN
SIRIO PROGRAM ALTHOUGH EDO AWARE SELENIA HAS PLACED
OTHER U.S. ORDERS (POSSIBLY WITH REPUBLIC) IN SUPPORT OF
ITS SIRIO CONTRACTS.

5. IN SHORT, WHILE EDO UNABLE DETERMINE FINAL DISPOSITION
IN HOLLAND OF REFLECTORS INCORPORATING U.S.
ORIGIN WOVEN GRAPHITE, THE SELENIA ORDER IS VERIFIED AND
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